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At the start of the intrusion XXXXX was a XXXXX in the patronage of XXXXX who had presented A.B. who was instituted/appointed XXXXX on DATE.

He continued in office as a compliant minister ..... until DATE when

he died
he was appointed ...
he was ejected ....

On DATE after presentation by ------ C.D. was appointed as ----- minister ....

In DATE the salary of the minister was £-- pa and augmented by -----

He signed the parish register about -----

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In Sep 1653 a parish register was appointed

In Sep 1653 E.F. was appointed parish-register

1655 Augmentation £10 Shaw II 5111

and a new register-book was provided

On the restoration in May 1660 he continued in office as -----

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From May 1660 the parish register ------

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appointed parish-register. The same act replaced religious marriage with enforced civil marriage from Thursday 29 Sep 1653. A precis of the act is given below[1].

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►John Woods e1593-.... **1626-p1644**

[NOTE: 1915 suggests that he was the John Wood[sic] (B.A., New College, Oxford) 16 May 1614; (M.A.) 14 Mar 1616.7; (B.D.) 30 Jun 1632]

[? m Bridget -----; and had chn: Bridget Woods c 4 Jan 1637.8 Clent; i 20 Feb 1639.40 Clent]

3. William, bapt. August Sth,lS9l, He met with a violent death at .Bewdley in 1623, and was buried at Ribbesford. He made no will, but an
Administration WaS granted to his widow Bridget, and his inventory
was made Nov. l7th,1623, by William Penn, Oswald Tolly, Henry Smyth,
and Mathew Walford •• He married at Studley,co.Warwick,Oct. 19th,l620,
Bridget,daughter of Francis conyers, and sister of Sir John Conyers,
Knt., Lt of the Tower of London.,and by her(who was baptised at Belbroughton Aug. 24th 1595) had issue two sons, Humphrey who settled
in Ireland (of whom hereafter), and Conyers, bapt 1623, of whom I
have no further information. (P.S.P. We have a copy of the marriage
licence and this states her name as Elizabeth Conyers, but Bridget
is another name for Elizabeth.) The widow Bridget was married secondly at Belbroughton, on November
12th, 1627, to the Rev. John Wood, vicar of Clent, by whom she was
mother of a daughter Mary, married at Belbroughton, Sept. 18th,l655,
to James Purshull, of Pur shull Hall, co.Worcester (son of Gerard
Purshull mentioned hereafter) and stated to be -aet 26- at the Visitation of worcestershire in 1682.

PURSHULL PEDIGREE p 79 For notes relating to the Purshull and Parot or Perrott Families see The Midland Antiquary vols i and ii and especially vol i p 115 and seq MARY WOOD p 80 She was married at Belbroughton 18th Sep 1655 being the daughter of the Rev John Wood Vicar of Clent by Bridget daughter of Francis Coniers and widow of William Perrott of Bell Hall

[1] The act is given in full in §P1653.

(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 10 Feb 1625.6-p1644
- (presented by the Crown)
- (as B.A. instituted "Clent and Rowley" "Woode subscribed the same day. No office given.") 19 Feb 1625.6
- (as John Wood(s) vic., signed the parish register) cMar 1637.8-c25 Dec 1641
- (in office) 1644 [Amphett]

was succeeded on February 10th 1626 by John Wood BA John Wood was a bachelor when he became vicar for he married at Belbroughton the same year the widow of William Perrott of Bell Hall and daughter of Francis and niece of Sir John Conyers Constable of the Tower of London He combined farming with his ministry and possessed a large flock of sheep which ran upon the commons in the parish Several of his children were baptized at Clent and the last time his name appears signing the register as vicar is in 1641 though a transcript at Worcester was signed by him in 1644 The register from this time till 1649 when it was recommenced by Andrew Tristram his successor is wanting nor are there any transcripts in existence to supply the deficiency Parish registers were greatly

Abstract: Will of Elizabeth Perrott, 27 April 1635 - 18 September 1635

To daughter-in-law, the wife of James Perrott, my son, and to my son John Perrottâ€™s wife, and to daughter-in-law Bridget Wood, 10s. each, to be bestowed in rings.
I forgive my son-in-law, John Wood, Vicar of Clent, all debts owed to me.

►**Andrew Tristram (presbyterian minister of Clent, Staffs) ?1628-1682**
b Worcs; [? c 18 Nov 1628 Belbroughton, Worcs *son of Thomas Tristram and Ann (Blicke)*]
m 17 Dec 1650 Clent: Alice Cox dau of William Cox (of Clent, Staffs) 1584-.... and Ann (-----) [SLG]
i 28 Apr 1682 Bridgnorth St Leonard; Will *of Andrew Tristram, Clerk of Bridgnorth, Shropshire* (PCC) 10 Feb 1683

(admitted sizar at Emmanuel, Cambridge) 19 Oct 1646 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1647
(Presbyterian Minister, Clent, Staffs) Jan 1649.50-?1656
- (presented) Jan 1649.50 [Clent PR]
- (in office) 20 Jun 1654
(Member, Worcestershire Association) 1653-6
(Presbyterian Minister, Bridgnorth, Salop) ?1656-1662
- (ejected) 1662
(admitted extra-licentiate R.C.P.) 5 Nov 1667
(licensed to be a presbyterian teacher at his house at Bridgnorth) 5 Sep 1672

chn: Ann Tristram b 2 Jan 1650.1; c & i 27 Jan 1650.1 Clent
Abigal Tristram b 29 Dec 1652; c 6 Jan 1652.3 Clent
Rebecca Tristram b 29[sic] Mar 1655; c 18[sic] Mar 1655 Clent
Andrew Tristram c 25 Feb 1661 Bridgnorth St Leonard
Andrew Tristram c 31 Mar 1666 Bridgnorth St Leonard

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(Clent) Andrew Tristram Register there June 20th 1654 Elected by the parish according to the act of parliament of 24th Aug: 1653 and sworne by me Mr John Wyrley one of the Justices of peace for the county of Stafford, John Wyrley [PR]

The first independent Congregational church in Bridgnorth of which we have a record was founded in 1662 when Rev. Andrew Tristram MA resigned the living of St Leonard's Church "for conscience sake" as a result of the Corporation Act of 1661 and the Act Of Uniformity of 1662 following the restoration of King Charles II. [INTERNET]

Andreas Tristram, pastor Ecclesiae de Clent (since 1844 Worcs., but then Staffs.): in 1656 removed to St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, Salop; ejected; lic. as Presb. 1672; d. 1682: C.R. [WA1653 WA1654 WA1655 WA1656 RB] [Nuttall (1950)]

(26 Apr 1682, Bridgnorth) Mr. Andrew Trustram buryed

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Greate. just & good, could I but sate
my teares wth thy too rigid fate.
I'de weepe the worle to such a strain
tht it should deluge once againe

O ridicula caput to p'fer birth before Baptism. Bes. ye Church of England comands ye Baptisms of Infants to be Register' d; thou in oppo'on to it, wilt Register their Births: O brave reforma'on. 1654 O tempora! O moris

Baldwin, born about 1628 in London, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Cambridge where on 17 May 1655 he was admitted as a sizar at Queen's College but did not graduate. He was presumably qualified to be a presbyterian clergyman by 6 Jun 1655 when he was in office as a presbyterian minister at Moseley (?parochial chapelry), Worcs. On 10 Jun 1657 after presentation by Oliver Cromwell (Lord Protector) (? and nomination by the *Trustees for maintenance*) he was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as presbyterian minister of Clent vicarage. At Clent he sometimes received an augmentation of £10 to £30 to his annual salary. Whilst at Clent Baldwin is said to have been a member of the *Worcestershire Association*. He certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry in 1658. In Jun 1660 he continued in office as *de facto* vicar. About 1660 he writes in Clent parish register that all the children "have bin baptized as soone as borne as witnesseth him who baptized most of them ... Tho Baldwin, Vic." He was presented at the Stafford Quarter Sessions on 7 Jul 1661 for refusing to read the prayer book service *ex prava et diabolica mente* (i.e. from a perverse and diabolical mind). On 24 Aug 1662 he did not subscribe to *The act of uniformity* and was thus to be deprived. In 1669 he was a teacher of a conventicle held at the house of William Bell of Birmingham, Warwicks. On 5 Sep 1672 he was licensed as a presbyterian teacher at Rowley Regis. On 6 Jul 1689 a chapel at Birmingham, Warwicks (later known as Birmingham Old Meeting House) was licensed in the names of (its first minister) William Turton (presbyterian minister of Rowley Regis) c1629-1716 **QV**, Thomas Baldwin and William Fincher (presbyterian minister of Wednesbury) c1630-1691 **QV**. In the same year Baldwin's house at Birmingham was certified as a meeting place. The *Common Fund* survey of dissenting ministers taken about 1690 has under Staffordshire the entry "Ministers that have a Competent Supply - Mr Tho: Baldwin - [ejected Minister] Of Clent - but the entry is scored out. In another entry Baldwin and Fincher are together recorded as ministers "Att Birmingham, of one Congregation well provided for each of them £30 per annum". Baldwin probably married (? on 2 Aug 1657 at Birmingham) to Elizabeth (?Sharplin) by whom he had 3 sons. After 1690 no definite record of Baldwin has been discovered. However he might be the man of this name who on 8 Oct 1701 as "Thomas Baldwyn of Birmingham Gent" made a will (to which he "makes his mark") proved under Lichfield on 1 Nov 1701. In his will he mentions his wife Sarah and their children and grandchildren ... also "my Studdye of Bookes [valued at £20] which I give and bequeath unto my sonne in Law Mr John Padgett". His personalty was valued at £372/8/10. This man was probably buried at Birmingham on 11 Oct 1701. [NOTE: TB of Clent is often confused with a contemporary - Thomas Baldwin presbyterian minister of Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire (and later of Kidderminster, Worcs) c1628-1693 (who was born in Middlesex) - who in his will appoints a kinsman "Mr Thomas Baldwin of Birmingham" as an overseer. In 1693 Richard White B.D. preached a funeral sermon for Thomas Baldwin of Kidderminster, Worcs minister c1628-1693 which was printed with his name (in error) as Thomas Badland.]

► **Thomas Baldwin (presbyterian minister of Clent, Staffs) c1628-1701** **1657-c1662**
b c1628 *said to be son of Thomas Baldwin (Vicar of Chaddesley Corbet, Worcs)*
m Elizabeth -----
d 1693 [Calamy II 525] lost this reference
(of Middx., admitted pensioner at Queen's, Cambridge) 29 May 1645
[NOTE: Venn has a Robert Baldwin of Middx admitted to same college on same day]
(matriculated) 1646
(B.A.) 1648.9
(M.A.) 1654
(Minister, Clent, Staffs) 10 Jun 1657-c1662
- (presented by Oliver Cromwell *qua* Lord Protector)
- (admitted 10 Jun 1657) [Lamb MS 998 46]
- (signs PR) Nov 1657
- (Member of the Worcestershire Association and described in their books as "minister of Clent") [Shaw II 455]
- (ejected, afterwards lived in Birmingham) c1662 [Calamy]

- (did not subscribe to the Act of Uniformity, and thus ejected) 24 Aug 1662
(lived in Birmingham) p1662 [Calamy]
(as a presbyterian, licensed to teach at **Rowley Regis**) 1672

chn: Thomas Baldwin b 16 Dec 1660; c 30 Dec 1660 Clent; d 1 Jan 1660.1

(At Clent) An unnamed minister of Clent was granted by the trustees c1655 an augmentation of £10 pa. This sum was paid to Baldwin out of some Cannock property in Dec 1657 and out of some Colwich property in Apr 1659. Shortly after this date the augmentation is given as £30. One document states that Baldwin was admitted to this vicarage by the commissioners on the presentation of the Lord Protector on 10 June 1657 [sic], another that he was nominated by the trustees on 20 May 1658 [sic]. He certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry in 1658, was ejected c1662. Not mentioned by Auden. [1915]

CLENT {Vicar} Mr Thomas Baldwin junior. Some time after his ejectment he exercised his ministry among the Dissenters at Birmingham, where he died. His name was long precious in both places. He was a man of a sanguine lively temper, and a sweet, humble, affable behaviour; one of a very extensive charity, ready to do good to the souls and bodies of them that came near him, and to condescend to those of the lowest degree. He was greatly mortified to the world, patiently suffering the loss of his substance. Never did any hear a repining expression drop from him upon that account; neither was he the more straitened towards the poor, when it was in the power of his hand to give. He was a judicious, solid, establishing preacher; much to be valued as a man, a Christian, and a minister. [393]

8 Baldwin. Probably B.A. 1648-9, M.A. 1654 Queens' College, Cambridge (Venn), son of Thomas Baldwin, vicar of Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs who was ejected thence 1662 (Calamy). Member of the Worcestershire Association and described in their books as "minister of Clent." (Shaw II p455) His name follows that of Tristram see last note when described as minister of Bridgnorth, so that the probable date is Nov 1655. An unnamed minister of Clent was granted by the trustees c1655 an augmentation of £10 pa (Shaw II p511) This sum was paid to Baldwin out of some Cannock property in Dec 1657 and out of some Colwich property in Apr 1659 (Lamb. MSS. 995, p661; 981, p21) Shortly after this date the augmentation is given as £30. (Lamb. MS. 994, p142) One document states that Baldwin was admitted to this vicarage by the commissioners on the presentation of the Lord Protector on 10 Jun 1657 (sic) (Lamb. MS. 998, p46), another that he was nominated by the trustees on 20 May 1658 (sic) (Lamb. MS. 983, p103). He certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry in 1658 (Lamb. MS. 998, p198), was ejected c1662, after which he lived at Birmingham (Calamy). Not mentioned by Auden.

(a8 May 1660, Clent printed PR) 1660 Births - All ?cdn [?chn = children] have bin baptized as soone as borne as witnesseth him who baptized most of ?them ... Tho Baldwin, Vic'

Mr. Tho. Baldwin, Minister of Clent: to be distinguished from Thomas Baldwin of Wolverley and Chaddesley Corbett (above); ejected; lic. as Presb., 1672; d. 1701: *C.R.* [RB] [Nuttall (1950)]

Clent [Seisdon] (Staffs later Worcs) (& Broom) 1332aa; ♦VICARAGE; St Leonard; PRGR 1561+
Curacies: (? Broom), Rowley Regis

Walter Wheeler (Vicar of Clent, Staffs) e1632-1669

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Vicars

►**William Hampton e1462-....** **1502**
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 1502

►**Thomas Gaunt e1509-....** **1549**
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 8 Oct 1549
- (instituted) 8 Oct 1549

►**Roger Chaunce e1516-....** **1556**
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 12 Mar 1555.6
- (instituted) 12 Mar 1555.6

►**Adam Javen c1532-1597** **1553**
i *"Adam Javen vicar of Clent was buried the 20 day of October"* 20 Oct 1597 Clent
(?Perpetual Curate, Rowley Regis, Staffs)
- (in office) 1553
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 12 Jan 1556.7-d
- (instituted) 12 Jan 1556.7
- ("My brother Thomas Javen was buried the 2 day of February 1586") [Clent PR]

►**Roger Ravenscroft c1570-a1635** **1598-1598**
b c1570 Cheshire
m ----- -----
Adm (Chester) 1635 *to daughter Ann*
(as commoner, matriculated from New College, Oxford) 4 Nov 1586 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 14 May 1590

(M.A.) 15 Feb 1593.4
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 15 Feb 1597.8-a1598
- (instituted) 15 Feb 1597.8
(Prebendary, Chester -----) 1599-1634
- (collated) 7 Mar 1599 [EDA 1/4 f30]
- (resigned) a14 Nov 1634 [EDA 1/4 f121v]
(Rector, Dodleston, Cheshire) 1616-
chn: Ann Ravenscroft 1635 fa

►Robert Cleye c1570-.... a1604-p1608
m 5 Feb 1600 Clent: Elizabeth Sparry
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs)
- (instituted) [?7 Nov 1598]
- (signed the parish register) cJun 1604 & cApr 1608
chn: Abigail Cleye c ?20 Nov 1601 Clent
John Cleye c 26 Sep 1604 Clent; i 1 Jun 1605 Clent

►Thomas Broade c1578-.... 1610-1612
b c1578 *son of William Broade (Rector of Rendcomb, Glos)*
d Jun 1635
(aged 17, matriculated from St Mary Hall, Oxford) 24 Oct 1595 [FOSTER]
(B.A., St Alban Hall, Oxford) 25 Oct 1599
(M.A.) 7 Jul 1602
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 7 May 1610-(a18 May) 1612
- (instituted) 7 May 1610
- (kept the parish register) 21 Aug 1610-13 Jun 1612
(Rector, Rendcombe, Glos) ?1612-d
chn: [?] Thomas Broade c 17 Sep 1610 Clent
[?] Joan Broade c 11 Apr 1612 Clent

►William Sherborne (Vicar of Clent, Staffs) e1576-?1626 1612-?1626
[? i 25 Jan 1625.6 Clent]
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 18 May 1612-?d
- (instituted) 18 May 1612
- (signed the bishop's transcripts) 1615 & 1622

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- (in office) 1644

Andrew Tristram (presbyterian minister of Clent) 1628-1682 C38
Tristram, christened on 18 Nov 1628 at Belbroughton, was a son of Thomas Tristram (rector of Belbroughton, Worcs) 1580-1640 and (his 2nd wife) Ann (Blicke). He studied at Cambridge where on 19 Oct 1646 he was admitted sizar at Emmanuel College and in 1647 matriculated but is not known to have graduated. He was presumably qualified to be a presbyterian clergyman by 14 Jan 1649.50 when he was presented by the *Commissioners of the great seal* as presbyterian minister of Clent. On 14 Jun 1650 the C*ommittee for plundered ministers* granted him an augmentation of £50 to his annual salary of £40. Between 1653 and 1656 he was a member of the *Worcestershire Association.* On 20 Jun 1654 he was also appointed register of Clent. He presumably resigned at Clent before 10 Sep 1656 when he was appointed presbyterian minister of Bridgnorth St Leonard rectory. About Sep 1660 he continued here as *de facto* rector but on 24 Aug 1662 did not subscribe to the *Act of uniformity* and was thus to be deprived. At Bridgnorth a weekly presbyterian conventicle was established in his house. In Nov 1663 at the time of the Bridgnorth Fair the bailiffs “desired him to forbear [preaching], and he did so”. On 5 Nov 1667 he was created an extra-

licentiate of the College of Physicians and is said to have subsequently practised as a physician. On 5 Sep 1672 he was licensed as a presbyterian teacher at his own house at Bridgnorth. Tristram died, aged 54, on 20 Apr 1682 and was buried on 26 Apr in the chancel at Bridgnorth St Leonard where a mounument was erected. His will made on 22 Feb 1681.2 was proved under *PCC* on 10 Feb 1682.3. Tristram married on 17 Dec 1650 at Clent to Alice Cox dau of William Cox (of Clent) 1584-.... by whom he had 4 sons and 6 daughters. Benjamin Tristram (vicar of Fillongley, Warwicks) c1673-1713 was his youngest son. Tristram wrote in his will [to my] “sonne Benjamin my best desk and my best bible and large Concordance and in case hee shall by Gods blessing bee fitt and educated in the profession of Divinitie Law or Phisicke then and not otherwise I give him all th rest of my bookes”. In 1654 Tristram made this entry in Clent parish register:

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Elizabeth Tristram [4] c 2 Aug 1657 Bridgnorth
Mary Tristram [5] c 28 Nov 1659 Bridgnorth
Tabitha Tristram [6] c 2 Oct 1663 Bridgnorth
Andrew Tristram [2] c 31 Mar 1666 Bridgnorth; d *young*
[?] William Tristram [3] i 4 Feb 1668.9 Bridgnorth
Benjamin Tristram [4] b c1673; (aged 21, as son of Andrew of Bridgnorth clerk, subscribed at Jesus College,
Oxford) 11 Jul 1694; (as B.A., ordained priest by Lichfield) 24 Sep 1699; (vicar, Fillongley, Warwicks) –
(presented by the Crown) - (admitted) 9 Jun 1704; i 4 Jun 1713 Bridgnorth; (vicar, Fillongley, Warwicks)

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(1915) 7 Tristram. Perhaps matriculated 1647 at Cambridge (Venn). Some uncertainty as to the length of his vicariate. Occurs Jan 1649, resigned 1657 (Amphett). In a list of the members of the Worcestershire Association he occurs twice, first as "pastor of the church at Clent," second as "minister of Bridgnorth." (Shaw, II p455) Either there were two ministers of this name, or he held both these cures c1653-7 or more probably the first description refers to cMay 1653, the second to Nov 1655 (see next note). Became minister of Bridgnorth, whence ejected 1662, though still living there in 1673. (Calamy under Bridgnorth and Foster under Benj Tristram). As minister of Clent he was granted on 14 Jun 1650 by the committee for plundered ministers an augmentation of £50 pa from the impropriate rectory of Clent, sequestered from Mr Chambers papist or recusant and delinquent, as his maintenance was but £40. On 29 Nov 1650 this order was discharged and in place thereof £50 pa was granted to him from the impropriate rectory of Rowley Regis, sequestered from Sir Miles Hubbert. All arrears of these grants ordered to be paid him on 19 Nov 1651. (BodlMS 327 p480, 486; 328 p364) Tristram is not mentioned by Auden. [SHC 1915 p66]
(1917) [Gordon (1917) p]
(1924) [Matthews (1924) p]
(1934) TRISTRAM, ANDREW. Curate of St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, Salop. 1662.Adm. 10 Sept. 1656. Successor licensed 1662. (L. 968. 52: Bodl. Blakeway MS. 14. 34b: Cal. 565.) Emmanuel, Camb., adm. 1646, as of Worcestershire: mc. 1647. V. of Clent, Staffs., presented under Great Seal 14 Jan. 1649-50 (Add. MS. 36792. 4). Member of Worcestershire Association 1655. A letter from Bridgnorth, 4 Nov. 1663, stated that the Presbyterians had a weekly conventicle at Tristram's, that there was a great resort thither on account of the fair: as he was preaching the bailiffs desired him to forbear, and he did so (C.S.P.D.). Extra-licentiate of College of Physicians 5 Nov. 1667 (Munk, i, 355). Licensed (P.) at his house, Bridgnorth, 5 Sept. 1672. Died 20 April 1682, buried in chancel of St. Leonard's, m.i. Will, as of Bridgnorth, 22 Feb. 1681-2: P.C.C. 10 Feb. 1682-3. Copyhold at Clent. Wife Alice (d. 1707): son Benjamin (took Anglican orders, see Al. Oxon.): £100 each to 5 daughters, Abigail, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Mary, and Tabitha. [Calamy Revised (1934) p493]
In 1689 a licence was issued for Andrew Tristram's house to be used for meetings; it was renewed in 1694 and again in 1695. In 1709 a licence was issued for the building of a Presbyterian Chapel. When freedom of worship was granted the members built a chapel on Stoneway Steps. Andrew Tristram never did see this chapel for he died in ~~1706, three years before it was built.~~ This deed is dated 2nd August 1709, and described the purchase as: 'All that messuage cottage or tennements, with all the gardens there unto adjoining and belonging, on the North side of Stoneway the which John Wilson hath lately purchased from Mr.Thomas Woolastone, and Annie, his wife together with the new building there upon erected' [INTERNET]

[father] Thomas Tristram (rector of Belbroughton, Worcs) 1580-1640
m1 1612 Mary Vernon
m2 24 Jun 1623 Belbroughton: Ann Blicke
chn: Richard Tristram 1613
Edward Tristram 1614
Thomas Tristram 1616
Elizabeth Tristram c 1618 Belbroughton
Francis Tristram c 1619 Belbroughton
[2] John Tristram c 1625 Belbroughton
William Tristram 1626
Andrew c 18 Nov 1628 Belbroughton

Thomas Baldwin (presbyterian minister of Clent) c1627-?1701

Baldwin, born about 1628 in London, is of unknown parentage. He studied at Cambridge where on 17 May 1655 he was admitted as a sizar at Queen's College but did not graduate. He was presumably ordained as a presbyterian clergyman before 6 Jun 1655 when he was a presbyterian minister at Moseley, Worcs. On 10 Jun 1657 after presentation by Oliver Cromwell *qua* the *Protector* and/or by the *Trustees for the maintenance of preaching ministers* he was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as presbyterian minister of Clent. At Clent his salary was at times augmented by £10 or £30. Whilst here he was a member of the *Worcestershire Association*. He certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry in 1658. About 1660 he writes in Clent parish register that all the children "have bin baptized as soone as borne as witnesseth him who baptized most of them ... Tho Baldwin, Vic." He was presented at the Stafford Quarter Sessions on 7 Jul 1661 for refusing to read the prayer book service *ex prava et diabolica mente* (i.e. from a perverse and diabolical mind). On 24 Aug 1662 he did not subscribe to *The act of uniformity* and was thus ejected. In 1669 he was a teacher at the house of William Bell in Birmgham. He had moved to Rowley Regis by 5 Sep 1672 when he was licensed as a presbyterian preacher. On 6 Jul

1689 a chapel at Birmingham (later known as Birmingham Old Meeting House) was licensed in the names of (its first minister) William Turton (presbyterian minister of Rowley Regis) c1629-1716 **QV**, Thomas Baldwin and William Fincher (presbyterian minister of Wednesbury) c1630-1691 **QV**. In the same year Baldwin's house at Birmingham was certified as a meeting place. Probably the next year he and Fincher are together recorded as ministers "Att Birmingham, of one Congregation well provided for each of them £30 per annum". Baldwin probably married (? on 2 Aug 1657 at Birmingham) to Elizabeth (?Sharplin) by whom he had three sons. After 1690 no definite record of Baldwin has been discovered. However he might be the man of this name who on 8 Oct 1701 as "Thomas Baldwyn of Birmingham Gent" made a will (to which he "makes his mark") proved under Lichfield on 1 Nov 1701. He was probably buried at Birmingham on 11 Oct 1701. In his will he mentions his wife Sarah and their children and grandchildren ... also "my Studdye of Bookes [valued at £20] which I give and bequeath unto my sonne in Law Mr John Padgett". His personalty was valued at £372/8/10. [NOTE: TB of Clent is often confused with a contemporary - Thomas Baldwin presbyterian minister of Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire (and later of Kidderminster, Worcs) c1628-1693 (who was born in Middlesex) - who in his will appoints a kinsman "Mr Thomas Baldwin of Birmingham" as an overseer. In 1693 Richard White B.D. preached a funeral sermon for Thomas Baldwin of Kidderminster, Worcs minister the title of which was printed with his name (in error) as Thomas Badland.]

Thomas Baldwin (presbyterian minister of Clent, Staffs) c1628-1701 1657-c1662
b c1628 *of unknown parentage*
m Elizabeth -----
[? m 2 Aug 1657 Birmingham: Elizabeth Sharplin]
chn: Bartholomew Baldwin b 17 Jul 1659 PR; c *son of Thomas & Elizabeth* 31 Jul 1659 Clent
Thomas Baldwin b 16 Dec 1660 PR; c 30 Dec 1660 Clent; i 1 Jan 1660.1 Clent
John Baldwin b 3 Sep 1661 PR; i 6 Sep 1661 Clent

(of London, admitted sizar at Queen's, Cambridge) 17 May 1655
He was presumably ordained as a presbyterian clergyman before ....
before 6 Jun 1655 when he was a presbyterian minister at Moseley, Worcs
(presbyterian minister, Clent, Staffs) 10 Jun 1657-c1662
- (presented by Oliver Cromwell *qua* Lord Protector)
- (admitted 10 Jun 1657) [Lamb MS 998 46]
- (conducted a marriage at Clent) Nov 1657 [Calamy PR]
- (Member of the Worcestershire Association and described in their books as "minister of Clent") [Shaw II p455]
- (did not subscribe to the Act of Uniformity, and thus ejected) 24 Aug 1662
(lived in Birmingham) p1662 [Calamy]
(a8 May 1660, Clent printed PR) 1660 Births - All cdn [children] have bin baptized as soone as borne as witnesseth him who baptized most of ?them ... Tho Baldwin, Vic'

(1702) Clent: Mr. Tho. Baldwin, Jun. A Godly, Calm, sober Preacher, of a blameless life. [Calamy (1702) p]
Chadsley: Mr. Thomas Baldwin, Sen. A good Scholar, a sober, calm, grave, moderate, peaceable Man, and an extraordinary Preacher; Who upon Mr Baxter's desire continu'd exercising his ministry in Private among the People of Kederminster, after that he was separated from them. [Calamy (1702) p344]
(1713) Clent. Mr Thomas Baldwin, Junior. Sometime after his Ejectment he exercis'd his Miniftry among the Diffenters at Birmingham in Warwickshire where Death gave him his full Quietus His Name is to this Day precious in both places He was a Man of a fanguine lively Temper and a fweet humble affable Behaviour One of a very extensive Charity ready to do good to the Souls and Bodies of them that came near him and to condescend to them of the lowest degree He was greatly mortify'd to the World as appears by his patiently Suffering the lofs if not of all things yet of a very great fhare of his All Never did any hear a repining Expreffion drop from him upon that account neither was he the more ftraiten d towards the Poor when it was in the Power of his Hand to give He was a judicious folid eftablishing Preacher much to be valu' d as a Man a Chriftian and a Minifter [Calamy (1713) p624]
Chadgly: Mr Thomas Baldwin, Sen. .... He had a great respect for Mr White the parish minister [who] preach'd at his funeral and afterwards Printed [Calamy (1713) p774]
(1727) Clent NOT LISTED [Calamy (1727) p]
Ibid Chaddlefley Mr THOMAS BALDWIN Sen Add He was of Cambridge He died in Feb 1692.3 Mr White in his Funeral Sermon fpeaks thus him He was a Man of exemplary Holiness and Regularity of Life and conftant in his Attendance on his Miniftry whenever free from two fevere Diftempers with which he was forely afflicted His laft Fit of the Stone held him for about eleven Days together and was very acute He was one of fignal Patience under all his Dolors When he had any Intermiffion from Pain he was presently ready for profitable Difcourfe When he was near his End he put forth himself with more than ordinary Earneftnefs and Vigor of Spirit And being defir d to favour himself because of the great Weakness of his Body his Anfwer was quick and fmart Can I faid he Speak too much for God Dr Walker Part II p 300 fays that Mr Lee the fequeftred Minister of Chaddesley Corbe t was reftor d in 1661 Mr Baldwin was by the Oxford Act driven to Dudley in Warwickshire [Calamy (1727) p893-4]

(1778) CLENT V Mr Thomas Baldwin junior Some time after his ejectment he exercifed his miniftry among the Dif fenters at Birmingham where he died His name was long precious in both places He was a man of a fanguine lively temper and a sweet

humble affable behaviour one of a very extenfive charity ready to do good to the fouls and bo dies of them that came near him and to condefcend to those of the loweft degree He was greatly mortified to the world patiently fuffering the lofs of his fubftance Never did any hear a repining expreffion drop from him upon that account neither was he the more ftraitened towards the poor when it was in the power of his hand to give He was a judicious folid establishing preacher much to be valued as a man a Chriftian and a minifter
(1802) [Calamy I/II (1802) p]
(1803) [Calamy III (1803) p]
(1803) WILLENHALL [Chap.] [fn] Mr. THOMAS BALDWIN Junior. He was probably the son of Mr. Thomas Baldwin ejected from *Chaddesley*, in Worcestershire. Though he might have been expelled from Willenhall Chapel at the restoration, the proper place of his ejectment seems to have been CLENT, in this county, from 'the following account of him given by Mr, Baxter, in his own Life, Part ii. p. 92. "At Clent was silenced Mr. Tho. Baldwin." [In the Index he is called Junior.] "A godly, calm, sober preacher, of a "blameless life" - He died pastor of a congregation at Worcester, and was succeded by Mr. Blackmore". [fn] Dr. Calamy has it, Mr. THOMAS BADLAND, whose funeral sermon was preached by Mr. *White*, a conforming clergyman at Kidderminster. But that could not be the same person with the above, as he died at Kidderminster, and was buried there. Nor was his name Badland; nor indeed does it appear that there was an ejected minister of this name, tho' Mr. WHITE, in the above funeral sermon (now before the editor) has it BADLAND in the title page : possibly owing to the name being commonly so pronounced, or to the person's chusing to so be so called, as it is known that some of the nonconformists changed their names for the greater safety. See the account of this Mr. BALDWIN, Senior, under the article CHADDESLEV in Worcestershire. [[Calamy III (1803) p 245-6]
(1803) CHADDESLY (Corbet) [V] MR THOMAS BALDWIN senior of Camb. university [very long account] [Calamy III (1803) p389-91]
(1900) ~~359~~ 455 (Worcs Ass)
(1911) R194b (1669) Birmingham [Parishes & Conventicles there] at the house of William Bell [Sects] ... [Numbers] about 100 [Qualitie] ... [Heads & Teachers] John Fineper, Thomas Baldwine, one Martin that came lately out of Warwick jayle [p59] E(247) (1672) Licence to Thomas Baldwin of Rowly in Staffordshire. Presby. Sept 5th [p559]
(1915) 8 Baldwin. ~~Probably B.A. 1648-9, M.A. 1654 Queens' College, Cambridge (Venn), son of Thomas Baldwin, vicar of Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs who was ejected thence 1662 (Calamy).~~ Member of the Worcestershire Association and described in their books as "minister of Clent." (Shaw II p455) His name follows that of Tristram - see last note - when described as minister of Bridgnorth, so that the probable date is Nov 1655. An unnamed minister of Clent was granted by the trustees c1655 an augmentation of £10 pa (Shaw II p511) This sum was paid to Baldwin out of some Cannock property in Dec 1657 and out of some Colwich property in Apr 1659 (LMS 995 p661; 981 p21) Shortly after this date the augmentation is given as £30. (LMS 994 p142) One document states that Baldwin was admitted to this vicarage by the commissioners on the presentation of the Lord Protector on 10 Jun 1657 (sic) (LMS 998 p46), another that he was nominated by the trustees on 20 May 1658 (sic) (LMS 983 p103). He certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry in 1658 (LMS 998 p198), was ejected c1662, after which he lived at Birmingham (Calamy). Not mentioned by Auden. [1915 p66]
(1924) XXX Matthews
(1934) [Calamy Revised (1934) p]
BALDWIN, THOMAS. Vicar of Clent, Staffs, 1662. Adm. 10 June 1657. Successor inst. 30 Oct. 1662. (L. 998.46: Abp. Juxon's Reg.: *Cal.* 624.) Queens', Camb., adm. 1655, as of London. C. of Moseley, Worcs., 6 June 1655 (L. 996.107), Member of Worcestershire Association 1655. Presented at Quarter Sessions for refusing, 7 July 1661, to read the prayer book service, *ex prava et diabolica mente* (MS. Wm. Salt Library, Stafford). 1669, preaching at Birmingham. Licensed (P.), as of Rowley Regis, 5 Sept. 1672, His house at Birmingham certified as a meeting-place 1689 (S.H. Returns). 1690, joint minister with W. Fincher (q.v.) of a congregation there: 'well provided for each of them £30 per annum'. Married, 1657, Elizabeth Sharplin, of St. Martin's, Birmingham. Will, as of Birmingham, 8 Oct. 1701: p. 1 Nov. 1701 (B'ham.). Leasehold at Birmingham. Wife Mary [*recte* Sarah]: books to son-in-law, John Padgett. Inventory, 27 Oct. 1701, £372 8s. 10d.
William Fincher (presbyterian minister of Wednesbury) c1630-1691
Thomas Baldwin presbyterian minister of Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire c1628-1693
BALDWIN, THOMAS. Vicar of Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, 1660. Adm. 22 Oct. 1656. The seqd. vicar restored. (L. '1656'. 136: *Walker,* ii. 300: *H.L.P.: Cal.* 774, 893.) Queens', Camb., adm. 1645, as of Middlesex: B.A. 1649: M.A. 1654. Schoolmaster at Kidderminster, Worcs. Lived there at one time with Baxter, and transcribed some of his sermon notes, published as *A treatise of conversion* (1657) *(R.B,* i. 114; iii. 92). V. of Wolverley in Sept. 1654 (L. 997. 2. 189). Member of Worcestershire Association 1655. The parish of St. Anne's, Blackfriars, London, wanted him as their minister (D.W.L., Baxter Lrs. 5. 80). After ejection settled at Kidderminster. On Five Mile Act removed to Dudley. Licensed (P.) at Kidderminster, 10 Aug. 1672.1690, preaching there: 'hath an estate of his own'. Buried
there 1 Feb. 1692-3. Funeral sermon by the vicar, Ric. White, for whom Baldwin had 'a great respect and frequently heard him preach'. Will, as of Kidderminster, 14 Jan. 1692-3: P.C.C. 17 March 1692-3. Property at West Bromwich, Staffs., and elsewhere. (Second) wife Ellen (d. 1714, *nee* Bennett, married at Kidderminster, 29 Dec. 1677): son John: daughter Hannah: grandsons Thos. Baldwin, of Worcester, and Sam. Sadler. Overseers, kinsmen Joseph Soley and T. Baldwin (q.v.)-
Thomas Baldwin Will (PCC) 14 Jan 1692.3/17 Mar 1692.3
(14 Jan 1692.3) Thomas Baldwin of Kidderminster ... loving kinsmen Mr Joseph Soley and Mr Thomas Baldwin of Birmingham overseers
(of Middx., admitted pensioner at Queen's, Cambridge) 29 May 1645 [VENN, ALSO, Robert Baldwin, of Middx., admitted pensioner at Queen's, Cambridge) 29 May 1645); (matriculated) 1646; (B.A.) 1648.9; (M.A.) 1654
Andrew Tristram was succeeded at Clent by Thomas Baldwin who also does not appear in Nash's List of Vicars He was a young man some 28 years old and his name first appears in the register in 1657 certifying that a marriage had been performed by him in the parish church of Clent In 1656 the Act estab lishing civil marriages had been confirmed by Parlia ment but the clause which declared no other marriage to be valid was omitted so that a way was opened for marriages in the church which Baldwin seems prompt to have taken advantage of The births of several children of his are entered in the register and since the law required births and not baptisms to be entered the vicar evaded the difficulty by baptising all children as soon as they were born and he makes a note to this effect in 1660 after which date baptisms again are given Thomas Baldwin however found that he could not subscribe to the Act of Uniformity which came into force on St Bartholomew's Day August 24th in 1662 and was called the Bartholomew Act he resigned his living so becoming one of the ejected The last entry made by him in the register was on the 21st of July in that year as is evidenced by a change in the charac ter of the entries Calamy says of him that he was a man of a sanguine lively temper and a sweethumble affable behaviour one of very extensive charity ready to do good to the souls and bodies of those that came near him and to condescend to those of the lowest degree and that he was a solid judicious and established preacher He after leaving Clent ministered among the dissenters at Birmingham where he died Perhaps he was the son of Thomas Baldwin minister of Chaddesley Corbett who also was ejected by the same Act and settled afterwards at Kidder minster where he had been intimate with Baxter But he kept on good terms with the established Church as is shewn by the fact that when he died in February 1693 the Vicar of Kidderminster Richard White preached his funeral sermon [Amphlett Clent p136]

CLENT V Mr THOMAS BALDWIN junior Some time after his ejectment he exercised his ministry among the Dissenters at Birmingham where he died His name was long precious in both places as a man a christian and a minister He was of a sanguine lively temper of a sweet humble affable behaviour and of a very extensive charity ready to do good to the souls and bodies of all that came near him and to condescend to those of the lowest degree He was greatly mortified to the world patiently suffering the loss of his substance Never did any hear a repining expression drop from him upon that account neither was he the more backward to relieve the poor to the utmost of his ability He was a judicious solid establishing preacher

Thomas Baldwin of Birmingham, Warwicks gentleman

m1 ----- -----
m2 Sarah -----; m1 ----- Milner [? Thomas Milner i 25 Sep 1665 St Clement Danes]
Samuel Milner of Westminster St Margaret of London citizen and ironmonger c1665-....
m aged ?23 (by licence, dated 11 Feb 1688.9) Westminster St Mary le Strand: Martha Hancock; b c1668
chn: John Milner c 27 Jun 1690 Westminster St Margaret (son of Samuel & Martha)
Sarah Milner
i 11 Oct 1701 Birmingham St Martin; Will (Lichfield) 8 Oct 1701/1 Nov 1701
chn: Mary Baldwin m John Paget
[2] Elizabeth Baldwin
grandchn:
Sarah Baldwin
Will (Lichfield) Thomas Baldwyn of Birmingham Gent. 8 Oct 1701/1 Nov 1701
Will (Lichfield) 10 Jun 1704
(8 Apr 1703) Sarah Baldwin of Birmingham widow ... son Samuel Millner cittizen and ironmonger of London .... dau Elizabeth Baldwin ... granddaughter Sarah Baldwin ... grandchildren John and Sarah Milner (chn of Samuel) ... Mary Baldwin (granddaughter of Thomas late husband) ... Mary Pagett (dau of late husband)
(8 Oct 1701) Thomas Baldwyn of Birmingham Gent ... I have a mortgadge in Fee simple of certain messuages ... in Bham ... called the Lamb Inne and Crofte ... wife Sarah[sic] [executrix] ... my Studdye of Bookes which I give and bequeath unto my sonne in Law Mr John Padgett ... her [wife] and his children and grandchildren ... [Baldwyn "makes his mark"] Witneses: Ambrose Foxall, Jonathan ?Saelcy, Chr Hooke ... Inventory (27 Oct 1701) In the Studdy .... The Library of Bookes (of all sorts) £20 Total £372/8/10 [indexed as "Bladwyn"]
(1689) Brass to commemorate the founders of the chapel, placed in front of the organ gallery: "TO THE REVERED MEMORY OF THE FOUNDERS OF THIS CHURCH - WILLIAM TURTON, M.A. ITS FIRST MINISTER WHO WAS EJECTED FROM THE PARISH CHURCH OF ROWLEY REGIS BY THE ACT OF UNIFORMITY A.D. 1662, THOMAS BALDWIN EJECTED FROM CLENT AND WILLIAM FINCHER EJECTED FROM WEDNESBURY, IN WHOSE NAMES THE FIRST MEETING HOUSE ERECTED ON THIS SITE WAS LICENSED JULY 6TH, A.D. 1689? ...." [Catherine Hutton Beale *Memorials of the Old Meeting House and Burial Ground, Birmingham* (1882) p53] [later known as Birmingham Old Meeting House] [William Turton (presbyterian minister of Rowley Regis) c1629-1716; Thomas Baldwin (presbyterian minister of Clent) c1627-....; William Fincher (presbyterian minister of Wednesbury) c1630-1691] .... On 6 Jul 1689 a chapel at Birmingham (later known as Birmingham Old Meeting House) was licensed in the names of (its first minister) William Turton (presbyterian minister of Rowley Regis) c1629-1716, Thomas Baldwin (presbyterian minister of Clent) c1627-.... and William Fincher (presbyterian minister of Wednesbury) c1630-1691.
(?1690) Warwickshire: Mr Fincher and Mr Baldwin - Att Birmingham, of one Congregation well provided for each of them £30 per annum .... Mr Turton - Att Birmingham of another Congregation well provided for [Freedom after ejection (2019) p117]
CLENT {Vicar} Mr Thomas Baldwin junior. Some time after his ejectment he exercised his ministry among the Dissenters at Birmingham, where he died. His name was long precious in both places. He was a man of a sanguine lively temper, and a sweet, humble, affable behaviour; one of a very extensive charity, ready to do good to the souls and bodies of them that came near him, and to condescend to those of the lowest degree. He was greatly mortified to the world, patiently suffering the loss of his substance. Never did any hear a repining expression drop from him upon that account; neither was he the more straitened towards the poor, when it was in the power of his hand to give. He was a judicious, solid, establishing preacher; much to be valued as a man, a Christian, and a minister. [393] LOST THIS REFERENCE
Mr. Tho. Baldwin, Minister of Clent: to be distinguished from Thomas Baldwin of Wolverley and Chaddesley Corbett (above); ejected; lic. as Presb., 1672; d. 1701: *C.R.* [RB] [Nuttall (1950)]

Walter Wheeler (Vicar of Clent, Staffs) e1632-1669

Wheeler was born (perhaps) about 1632 of unknown parentage. Probably as a literate he was (presumably) anglicanly ordained deacon and priest before 6 Aug 1663 when he was in office as vicar of Clent (*in Worcester diocese*). In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Clent & Broom constablewick and "The Viccarrage house" was assessed on 5 hearths. Still in office he died, perhaps aged about 37, and was buried here on 3 Feb 1668.9. His will made on 1 Feb 1668.9 was proved at Worcester on 29 Jun 1669. His personalty was valued at £99/0/8 and included his "study of books £18". Wheeler married (perhaps) about 1662 to Elizabeth by whom he had one daughter.

►Walter Wheeler (Vicar of Clent, Staffs) e1632-1669 **c1663-1669**
b e1632 *of unknown parentage*
m [X FMP] e1662 Elizabeth -----
i *Walter Wheeler Vic. was buried* 3 Feb 1668.9 Clent; Will *clerk* (Worcester) 1 Feb 1668.9/29 Jun[sic] 1669
[X FOSTER/VENN]
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 6 Aug 1663-d
- (his predecessor ejected) c1662
- (made "stylish" entries in the parish register, from) 6 Aug 1663 [PR]
- (as "Humfry Waldron Minister", certified the hearth tax at Clent & Broom constablewick "The Viccarrage houser" assessed on 5 hearths at Clent) c1665 HT

[NOTE: Mary Wheeler m 13 Oct 1667 Clent: Simon Agburgh/Agborror]

chn: Ann Wheeler c 25 Jul 1665 Clent

Thomas Baldwin was succeeded in the living of Clent in 1662 by Walter Wheeler, another vicar whose name does not appear in Nash's list; but he held it only a few years, till his death in 1668. His burial is entered in the register on the 3rd of February in that year, and his will was proved at Worcester on the following 29th of January [?June], being dated two days before his burial. He left all his goods to his wife Elizabeth, and they were valued at £99 0s. 8d. His study of books was worth £18 and he seems to have farmed in a small way, one item in the list of his property being a lot of hop-poles, valued at ??? He was succeeded by Thomas Walker, Master of Arts. In a note to Nash's List of Vicars one Cole is said to have been incumbent before Walker, but this must be a mistake, since only only one month elapsed between the burial of Wheeler and Walker's induction. [John Amphlett *A short history of Clent* (1890)]
[NOTE: Nothing on Wheeler or Clent in this period on CCEd]

►Thomas Walker (Vicar of Clent, Staffs) c1642-1721 **1669-1721**
b c1642
m 27 May 1684 Churchill, Worcs: Ann Pretty; d 24 Jun 1714; i 26 Jun 1714 Clent [see below]
d 1 Jan 1720.1; i *"Mr Tho: Walker Vic: died Jan: 1 Buried 3"* 3 Jan 1720.1 Clent
(matriculated from Wadham College, Oxford) 15 Jun 1657 [FOSTER]
(Chorister, Magdalen College) 1659
(clerk) 1661.2
(B.A., Magdalen College, Oxford) 1661
(Usher, Collegiate School [?Oxford]) 1662-3
(ordained deacon) 21 Feb 1663.4
(ordained priest) 9 Jul 1664
(M.A., St Alban Hall, Oxford) 15 Jul 1666
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 2 Mar 1668.9-d
- (presented by
- (instituted) 2 Mar 1668.9
- (inducted) 3 Mar 1668.9 [below]
- (makes entries in PR) 9 Apr 1668

Thomas Walker Master of Arts was inducted into the Parish Church of Clent the third day of March A.D. 1668 [Clent PR]

(1714) Anne the pious and religious wife of Mr Thomas Walker minister departed this life June 24 being S. Joh Bapt. after many years affliction & weakeness and was buried the Saturday following Hebr. 12;6 Whome the Lord loveth he chasteneth [BT's give "Buried June 26"] [Clent PR]

►Edward Sheward c1695-1736 **1719-1736**
b c1695 Tardebigg, Warwicks *son of Edward Sheward*
m1 Anna Maria -----; d 8 Dec 1733; i 10 Dec 1733
m2 *as M.A. Vicr of Clent Rowley* (by license) 24 Mar 1734.5 Clent: Sarah Smith of Clent
i 8 Dec 1736 Clent
(matriculated from Merton College, Oxford) 16 May 1711 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 25 Feb 1715
(M.A.) 1718
(Vicar, Clent-cum-Rowley Regis, Staffs) 1719-d
- (instituted) 1719
- (signed PR) c12 Mar 1719.20
chn: Anna Maria Sheward b 12 Oct 1725; c 16 Oct 1725 Clent
John Sheward b 19 May 1727; c 7 Jun 1727 Clent; i 1 Jul 1727 Clent

Edward Sheward b & c 7 Mar 1729.30 Clent; i 8 Mar 1729.30 Clent
William Sheward b & c 15 Dec 1732 Clent
[2] John Sheward b 10 Jun 1736; c 23 Jun 1736 Clent; i 5 Apr 1737 Clent

Memorandm. On May 20th This Year [1725] was built the Vicarage house Pluck'd down and Rebuilt in the said Year by Edward Sheward of Stoney Lane in the Parish of Tardabig in the County of Warick Vicr of this place [Clent PR]

►John Perry (Vicar of Clent, Staffs) c1713-1780 **1737-1780**
b c1713 Pattingham *son of Daniel Perry of Pattingham, Staffs commoner*
m 22 Apr 1736 [IGI] Agnes Margaretta dau of Walter Littleton of Lichfield, Staffs 1667-.... [SLG]; c 12 Oct 1707 Lichfield Cathedral
d 14 Sep 1780; i Clent
(matriculated from Pembroke College, Oxford) 14 Nov 1731 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1736
(Vicar, Clent-cum-Rowley Regis, Staffs) Jul 1737-d
- (instituted) Jul 1737
(Stipendiary Curate, Broom, Staffs)
- (perfomed marriages at Broom) 15 Oct 1755-8 Aug 1780
(Rector, Ashe, Kent)
(Vicar, Farningham, Kent) 1754-d
chn: Agnes Perry b 11 Aug 1737; c 26 Aug 1737 Clent
John Perry b 20 Jun 1741; c 28 Jul 1741 Clent
Elizabeth Perry b 10 Sep 1742; c 18 Sep 1742 Clent
Barbara Perry b 7 Jan 1743.4; c 10 Jan 1743.4 Clent
Elizabeth Perry b 20 Dec 1745; c 4 Jan 1745.6 Clent
Littleton Perry b 14 Feb 1746.7; c 21 Feb 1746.7 Clent **[SCD]**

►Littleton Perry (Vicar of Clent, Staffs) 1747-1816 **1780-1816**
b 14 Feb 1746.7; c 21 Feb 1746.7 Clent *son of John Perry (Vicar of Clent, Staffs) c1713-1780* ***[SCD]*** *and Agnes Margaretta dau of Walter Littleton of Lichfield, Staffs 1667-.... [SLG]*
m 15 Jan 1794 Birmingham St Martin: Frances Carr; b c1771 Stourbridge, Worcs; "d *aged 91* 22 May 1862 at residence of son-in-law George Wilkinson" [INTERNET]; (aged 90, living with son-in-law) 1861 C
i *"The Reverend Lyttelton Perry Vicar of Clent of Upper Clent [aged] 69 by John Todd minister"* 4 Sep 1816 Clent
(matriculated from Magdalen College, Oxford) 12 Jun 1765 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1769
(Stipendiary Curate, Wednesbury St Bartholomew, Staffs)
- (in office) 1770 [WEDNESFIELD.1854 43]
(Vicar, Clent-cum-Rowley Regis, Staffs) 1780-1816
- (?resigned) 1816
(Stipendiary Curate, Broom, Staffs)
- (as Curate, perfomed marriages at Broom) 15 Apr 1782-6 Oct 1794
chn: Louisa Perry b 16 Apr 1796; c 25 Feb 1800 Clent; m George Wilkinson of Brightside Bierlow, Yorks "commercial clerk to ironfounder" c1793-....
Cordelia Perry b 1 Oct 1797; c 25 Feb 1800 Clent

►Joseph Sharpe c1754-1824 **1817-1824**
i *"Revd. Joseph Sharpe of Clent, 70, by A. Hopkins Officg Mon."* 7 Sep 1824 Clent
[X FOSTER/VENN]
[X CCEd]
(Vicar, Clent-cum-Rowley Regis, Staffs) 1817-d
- (kept parish register, from) 31 Aug 1817
- (signed return regarding education of the poor) [PARL (1818)]

►Adolphus Hopkins c1798-1855 **1825-1855**
b 31 Aug 1797; c 12 Jan 1798 Falmouth *son of John Hopkins (Captain) and Mary (-----)*
m 14 Apr 1830 Harborne, Staffs: Sarah Bacchus; (aged 35-9) 1841 C; (aged 46,

b Brixton, Surrey) 1851 C
d 19 Jan 1855 Clent; Will (PCC) 23 Mar 1855
(admitted pensioner at Emmanuel, Cambridge) 26 Nov 1818 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1819
(B.A.) 1823
(M.A.) 1826
(Vicar, Clent-cum-Rowley Regis, Staffs) 1825-1842
- (aged 40-4, NOT b Staffs, of Clent "Vicar") 1841 C
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 1842-d
- (aged 53, b Falmouth, Cornwall, of Clent "Vicar of Clent") 1851 C

►Samuel Oxley e1815- **1855-....**
[X FOSTER/VENN]
[X CCEd]
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 1855-....

►George Halls 1820-1903 **1860-1886**
b c1820 Suffolk
d 20 Apr 1903 Branksome in Bournemouth
(admitted pensioner at Queens' College, Cambridge) 2 Mar 1837
(matriculated) Michs 1837
(B.A.) 1841
(ordained deacon by Ripon) 1841
(ordained priest by Ripon) 1842
(Stipendiary Curate, Silkstone, Yorks) 1842-4
(M.A.) 1844
(Stipendiary Curate, Lewes St John-the-Baptist, Sussex) 1844-6
(Stipendiary Curate, Newick, Sussex) 1846-8
(Rector, Lewes St John-sub-Castro, Sussex) 1848-51
(Vicar, Long Bennington, Lincs) 1851-60
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 1860-86
(in retirement of Branksome in Bournemouth)

►Arthur Christopher Hamilton Fox c1880-.... **1933-....**
(Vicar, Clent, Staffs) 1933-